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Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative

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What is it?

- The *Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative* is an Indigenous-led initiative that was **launched on April 11, 2019**
- The **goal is to fund new and innovative approaches** for the design and construction of **Indigenous-led** housing projects
- **\$30 million**, in addition to existing housing funding will be provided **for new builds** for First Nation, Inuit, and Métis Nation including urban projects
- **An additional \$6 million will be provided upfront through the Accelerator** to advance innovative proposals

Focus Areas



Traditional First Nation, Inuit or Métis Nation building styles and techniques



Using the home for empowerment, capacity building and support for local businesses



Support for vulnerable populations



Culturally-inspired urban spaces for First Nation, Inuit and Métis Nation people



Safety, security, and accessibility



Energy independence and efficiency

Indigenous Steering Committee



From left to right: Sean Willy, Will Goodon, Pamela Glode-Desrochers, Marcel Lawson-Swain, Dawn Madahbee Leach. Terry Audla is not pictured.

What have we heard?

- Focus on collaboration; not competition
- Community support is key
- Level the playing field – work to ensure the best ideas move forward, not the best proposals
- Remove hierarchy from the process – Indigenous Innovators, architects, and innovative financiers all have a role to play



How is this Initiative different from what the Government of Canada is already doing?

A new approach to funding

- Funding based on community priorities rather than eligible activities and expenditures

Indigenous-led and inclusive of distinctions

- An Indigenous Steering Committee oversees the initiative and recommends projects for investment and support
- All proposals must be led by Indigenous communities or organizations and focus on improving Indigenous community well-being

'Accelerator model' to support innovative ideas in becoming innovative builds

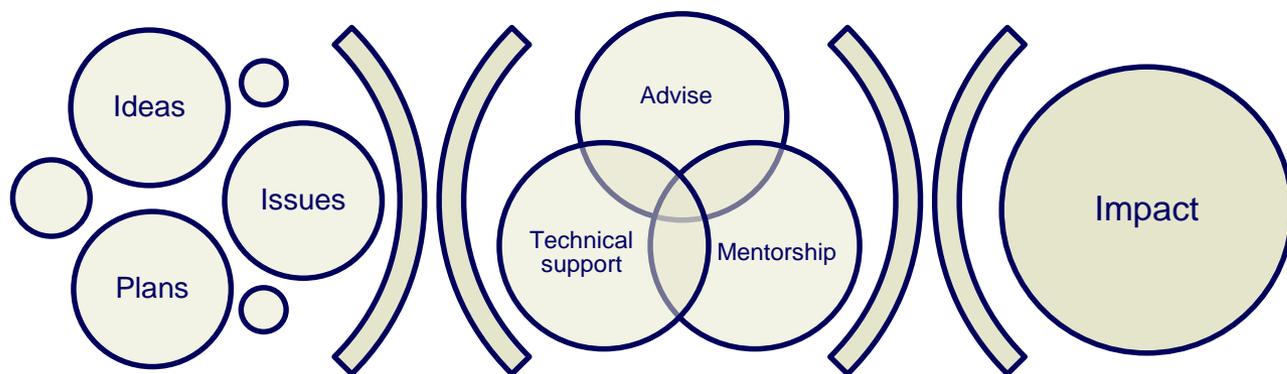
- Up to 24 Indigenous innovators will spend up to 18 months working with experts on refining their ideas
- The Indigenous Steering Committee will determine the exact level of support based on the size, complexity and level of development of the innovators' ideas

How to Apply

- **Check out the Impact Canada Portal @ <https://impact.canada.ca/en>**
- **Section A** relates to project eligibility
 - Only used to determine if you and your idea are eligible for the Initiative this section will not be evaluated.
- **Section B** is about your project idea
 - This section will be evaluated to determine which Innovators will participate in the Accelerator,
- **Section C** will address community support and feasibility considerations
 - The Indigenous Steering Committee will review the information in Part C to determine funding and service package you require for the Accelerator

What's Next: Innovation Accelerator – Supporting Indigenous Innovators

- ISC is working to establish partnerships with national partnerships to support Indigenous Innovators in a collaborative environment –from *conception to build*.



Call for Ideas

Breaking old service barriers to support new ideas.

Innovation Accelerator

New partnerships to support innovation

Construction Begins

To test new ideas, projects will move from the theoretical to the practical

Timeline and Next Steps



- Webinars to be launched to assist with Application process
- Up to 24 Indigenous Innovators will spend up to 18 months refining their ideas
- 15 to 24 projects will be implemented
- Opportunity to analyze new approaches and share lessons learned amongst Indigenous communities

Questions?

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